

Girl, Couple in Narcotics Net

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Oakland police today added three persons to their dope suspect roundup.

One of them, Geraldine R. Kee, 21, was taken into custody at her apartment at 1546 Alice St. after a Richmond policeman, acting as an undercover agent, said he had arranged to buy \$2,500 worth of drug store narcotics from her. She is booked at the Oakland city prison "en route to the U.S. Marshal."

Miss Kee wears a neck brace as a result of an automobile accident in March in which a woman companion, Mrs. Dolores Camp, 24, of Sonoma, was killed near Yreka, as they were en route to the McNeill Island Federal Penitentiary in Washington.

MEN IN PRISON

Officers said Mrs. Camp's husband, Donald, and Miss Kee's boy friend, Sam Lind, both are in the prison.

Lind was sent to the federal penitentiary on dope charges.

Police theorize the narcotics were taken in drug store burglaries.

Officer Robert S. Prentice said the young woman is held for the U.S. Marshal because Lind had sold a quantity of narcotics to federal officers, resulting in his arrest, and they believed he had left more in his apartment, which Miss Kee occupied.

Richmond Officer Devere J. Green received the original information and notified Oakland police. Then he and a fellow officer, Louis Stump, came here to make the "buy."

AGENT 'FLASHES ROLL'

He said that when the undercover agent pulled a "flash roll" of currency, the young woman showed him a paper bag containing bottles believed to contain the dope. Her arrest followed.

The arrest was made by Federal Narcotics Agent John Trainor and Oakland Patrolmen Prentice and Don Campbell of the vice squad.

The other two, Joel (Broadway Joe) Dennison, 24, a laborer, and his wife, Anne, 18, an expectant mother of 1905 Foothill Blvd., were taken into custody at 40th and Ruby Streets at 1 a.m. after police found a tobacco can filled with what appeared to be marijuana at their apartment.

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Their arrest was due to a "brother act." Officer Robert Prentice told his brother, Traffic Officer Waller Prentice, the couple were wanted and gave him a description of their car. Early today the traffic officer picked them up and held them while he notified his brother and brother officer.

They are regarded by police as associates of six persons taken into custody yesterday.

One of them previously listed as Pat Genero, 18, was disclosed to be Pat Sherman, 17. She has been transferred to Juvenile Hall.

Dennison and his wife are held for investigation of illegal possession of narcotics.

Two Police Get Promotions

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Two Oakland police officers start new assignments today after being sworn in by City Clerk Gladys Murphy.

Promotions went to Waller Prentice, 36, of 10701 Snowdown Ave., and Fred Tornow, 33, of 3664 Happy Valley Rd., Lafayette.

Prentice, on the force since 1949, was named lieutenant. Tornow was promoted to sergeant. He has been with the department since 1953.

15 Oakland Police Get Promotions

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Fifteen members of the Oakland Police Department have been promoted in the ranks, according to an announcement by Chief George T. Hart.

Waller J. Prentice is being promoted from lieutenant to captain; Ernest B. Smith and James K. McArthur from lieutenant to acting captain; James K. Stewart, Michael C. Nordin, William H. Clark, Edmond R. Birge, Jr., Conard O.

Blevins, John J. Vomacka, and James H. Mitchell from sergeant to lieutenant; and Al Perrodin, Rex S. Mumney, James H. Washburn, Paul S. Sprague, and John A. Vargas from officer to sergeant.

Chief Hart said the promotions, the largest single batch of promotions in the department's history, were being made to fill vacancies on the police roster. All were sworn in yesterday by City Clerk Robert C. Jacobsen.